

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SEARCH AND RESCUE BRIEFING
LESSON PLANS AND SCOPES**

1. **INTRODUCTION, COURSE ADMINISTRATION, CLASS OBJECTIVE (05 minutes)**
Scope: Welcome, familiarization with facilities, administrative information, course purpose, agenda and instructional staff introduction.
2. **OVERVIEW OF SEARCH AND RESCUE DEFINITIONS (05 minutes)**
Scope: To define terms used in briefing so that all students will get the same meaning from the briefing.
3. **OVERVIEW OF TYPES OF SAR MISSIONS (10 minutes)**
Scope: To educate the students as to the different types of SAR missions and how they differ from one another. Types discussed are Missing/overdue Aircraft, Missing/overdue Boats, Missing persons, Rescue and recovery, ELT/EPIRB, Evidence and Disaster Search.
4. **OVERVIEW OF THE SAR MISSION (10 minutes)**
Scope: To describe with in the events that go into a SAR mission, including administrative and support events, operations events and planning events.
5. **OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL SAR PLAN (10 minutes)**
Scope: To familiarize the students with the plan and its objectives. Also, this section introduces the AFRCC and its role in SAR to the students and familiarizes them with other federal resources including Civil Air Patrol.
6. **OVERVIEW OF STATE RESOURCES (20 minutes)**
Scope: To familiarize the students with what is available in Virginia, what each group is capable of and how to get in touch with them. Describe the Virginia Emergency Operations Plan specifically the Annex K for SAR. Describe the role of the SAR duty officers, and the use of memorandums of understanding with major volunteer SAR groups. Describes state training program for SAR providers.
7. **USE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE (05 minutes)**
Scope: Describes role of VSP in SAR incidents and what other resources they can provide.
8. **WHY SEARCH IS AN EMERGENCY (10 minutes)**
Scope: Explains the possible need for immediate care for the subject. Tells why urgent response lessens the search difficulty. Explains why atmosphere must be one of positive urgency.

9. **INVESTIGATION (20 minutes)**

Scope: Explains that search is classic mystery, must find out the who, why, what, where and when. Overview of Lost Person Report Form (LPR).

10. **EXAMPLE CASES (10 minutes)**

Scope: To briefly give examples of actual SAR mission, history, operations, results and lessons learned. (This is unique to each instructor)